In order to achieve the objective of no discrimination in the hours of supply between rural and urban households, the participating States have agreed that they shall ensure that there is no discrimination in supply of power between rural and urban households, in the agreements signed under RGGVY.

Recommendations of Hoda Committee

*196. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Committee of Secretaries appointed by the Prime Minister to look into iron ore exports and to consider a level-playing field for integrated steel industry manufacturers in raw material linkages, held its meeting in the month of October, 2006;

(b) if so, whether the Committee will also look after the Hoda Committee's recommendation for allocation of capital mines for such companies;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(d) what are its main recommendations; and

(e) by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (e) On the directions of Prime Minister's Office a Committee was constituted by Cabinet Secretariat on 14.8.2006 to look into the matter of restricting iron ore exports at the current level and progressively reduce it in order to promote industrialization and value addition in the country. The Committee has held four meetings on 25.8.2006, 21.9.2006, 12.10.2006 and 10.11.2006. The Committee also considered the recommendations of High Level Committee (Hoda Committee) on National Mineral Policy and has submitted its report to the Government on 27th November, 2006. The Report is under consideration of the Government.

Power projects in Maharashtra

†*197. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.